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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of:

Eduardo BLUMWALD et al.

Serial No.: 09/271,584

Filing Date: March 18, 1999

For: GENETIC ENGINEERING SALT  
TOLERANCE IN CROP PLANTS

Examiner: A. Kubelik

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, Paper No. 34, for which a response was due on February 19, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed to extend the deadline to respond to the Office Action until March 19, 2003. As such, this response is timely filed. Please enter the following amendments and remarks.

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